

Blencathra Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025



Welcome back

I hope you all had a lovely summer. Thank you so much for the gifts and kind wishes we received at the end of last term – they were greatly appreciated.

Homework

Homework will be set on Seesaw each Monday and is to be completed by Friday. It can be completed on Seesaw or in homework books.

- Each child will have a book uploaded to Seesaw and should record themselves reading it. This book will also be the focus of English lessons that week.

- Very soon, children will also receive a list of spellings to learn, based on sounds taught in phonics the previous week.

- Year 2 children may sometimes be given a maths activity as well.

Reading

Children should read at home at least 4 times per week to be entered into the Friday Celebration Assembly reading raffle. Homework reading can also count if recorded in Reading Records.

- Each child will be given 2 books: a Read Write Inc. book (should be read more independently – priority book) and an Oxford Reading Tree book (may contain unfamiliar sounds – read with support).

- Children are welcome to read their own books from home in addition.

Toys

Please ensure children do not bring toys into school, as these can cause distraction.

Curriculum Content

Topics this term include Oceans & Continents in Geography and Plants in Science. For more detail about what is covered in the other subjects, please see the curriculum map that accompanied this newsletter.

PE Lessons

PE will continue with HP Activities on Mondays, and with Mrs D'Leny on Thursdays. Please ensure your child has a full kit in school. Navy joggers are optional for colder outdoor sessions. Earrings must be removed or taped before school if your child cannot do this themselves.

Snack Time

The government's free fruit and vegetable scheme provides a daily snack. If you prefer to send your own, please ensure it is fruit or veg only. Milk is also available – contact Mrs Burnett to order.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Monday: Drama & Role Play – Miss McQuillan

Tuesday: Story & Craft – Miss Mallinson & Nanny Pat

Wednesday: Agility, Balance & Control – Miss Green

Thursday: Little Ballers – Mrs D'Leny

Friday: Free Choice – Mrs Doran

(All 3:15–4:15pm)

Autumn Term Trips

Class 2 will join Class 1 for a Christmas trip to Walby Park Farm, organised by Miss Mallinson, where we will meet Father Christmas!

Show and Tell

As our timetable is very full, there will be no regular Show & Tell this term. However, if your child has done something special outside school, we will be happy to make time for them to share their experience.

Thank you

Thank you for reading this newsletter. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Mrs Doran, Mrs D'Leny, Miss McQuillan & Mrs Shaw

